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MINUTES.

MORNING SESSION.

Rock Creek Church, Jefferson Co., Ala.,)
Friday, October 18, 1889.)

The Eighteenth Session of the Mud Creek Baptist Association convened with Rock Creek Church at 11 o'clock a. m. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. L. B. Harbin, of North River Association, from the 20th chapter and latter clause of 21st verse gospel of St. Jno: "As my Father hath sent me even so send I you." [N. B.—Bro. Harbin preached the Introductory Sermon by request, the appointee being absent.] The Association then adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 2 o'clock p. m. Hymn No. 54 in Psalmody was sung, after which prayer was offered by Rev. A. L. Waldrop, of Canaan Association. As the roll of the several churches was called the delegates came forward with their letters of representation, and voted for Moderator and Clerk which resulted in the election of Elder A. White, Moderator, and P. A. Wilkey, Clerk.

The Association then proceeded to business, as follows: First appo int Brethren W. P. Salter and R. F. Vines as a committee to read letters from the several churches, after which an opportunity was given for the reception of the newly constituted churches. Then called for correspondence. Received from

Canaan Association, Rev. Elder A. L. Waldrop and Bro. R. Y. Robertson; from North River Association, Rev. L. B. Harbin and Elder H. A. Key; with letter and minutes; from Harmony Association, M. L. Parsons and A. C. Riley, with minutes. Committees were then appointed as follows:

COMMITTEE ON DEVOTION.

Brethren S. P. Vines, W. H. Wright, S. V. Travis, with the Deacons of Rock Creek Church.

COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTS.

Brethren W. P. Salter, H. A. Roberts and J. A. Wright.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Brethren R. F. Vines, W. G. Tuggle and J. T. Davis.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Brethren J. J. Vance, J. J. Waldrop and J. V. Norris.

COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Brethren S. A. Parsons, W. I. Gilbert and A. J. Nicholas.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Brethren T. L. Birchfield, John T. Glaze and C. B. Gwin.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Brethren L. A. Martin, A. J. Smith and O. Z. J. Waldrop.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Brethren A. A. Vines, J. H. Batson and A. P. Waldrop.

COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MEMBERS.

Brethren G. H. Bean, D. Morris and G. M. Quinn.

COMMITTEE ON INDIGENT MEMBERS.

Brethren J. J. Vance, S. A. Parsons, R. F. Vines, D. R. Davis and L. Short.

COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION OF ASSOCIATION BOOK.

Brethren T. L. Birchfield, S. A. Parsons and John T. Glaze.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet on Saturday, the 19th of October, at 9 o'clock a. m.

MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, October 19, 1889.

The Association met according to adjournment. The exercises commenced by singing hymn 490 from the Baptist Psalmody. Prayer was offered by the Moderator. Returned correspondence as follows:

North River –G. H. Bean, Edward Hicks, D. Morris and A. J. Nicholas.

Canaan—R. F. Vines, P. A. Wilkey, John T. Glaze and B. S. Thompson.

Tuscaloosa—B. S. Thompson.

Harmony—S. A. Parsons.

Then called for the reading of the Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Abstract of Principles, and after considering the same a motion was made to change the eleventh article of the Constitution by substituting the word *drop* instead of *exclude*, and also to change the seventh article of the Constitution so as to allow but three delegates to each church instead of five.

On motion speeches were limited to ten minutes.

On motion the regular order of business was dispensed with for the purpose of seating Bro. O. J. Waldrop as a corresponding delegate from the Canaan Associatton.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTS.

We, your Committee on Documents, beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the letters from the various churches and find nothing that claims our attention except requests from Concord Church and Free Will Church for the next session of this Association.

W. P. SALTER, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, report as follows: That we highly appreciate the report of last year and advise its adoption, and furthermore recommend that we practice its precepts.

T. L. BIRCHFIELD, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, beg leave to report as follows: We find a request from two churches for the next session of this Association.

We recommend that we meet with Concord Church, sixteen miles west of Birmingham, on Saturday before the third Sabbath in October, 1890. Elder A White to preach the Introductory Sermon ; at 11 o'clock a. m., J. H. Mauldin, alternate, and J. I. Gilbert to preach the Missionary Sermon.

G. B. VINES, alternate. R. F. VINES, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, beg leave to make the following report : We believe from the best information we can obtain that there has been an increase in Sabbath-school work, and we recommend that this Association instruct the churches through their pastors to urge them to do their duty in regard to teaching the rising generation the Word of God, with such Scriptural aid as may be needed, to make Sabbath schools interesting. L. A. MARTIN, Chairman.

On motion the Association adjourned, to meet again at 1 o'clock p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association met according to adjournment. Sang hymn 435 in Psalmody. Prayer was offered by Elder J. N. McFall.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MEMBERS.

The Committee on Deaceased Members reported as follows : We find that since our last annual session the following deaths have occurred, viz. : Brothers D C. Waldrop of Liberty, T. J. Farley of Prudes Creek, J M. Knight and Huel T. Knight of Oak Grove ; Sisters Mary Ann Waldrop of Rock Creek, Mary Hendrix of Friendship, and Margaret Waldrop of Sardis.

G. H. BEAN, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education reported as follows: We, your Committee on Education, beg leave to report that, in our opinion, there is a great need for better and higher education. We recommend that as far as possible every church within our Association look to the establishment of good, permanent schools for the education of the children in every community. In the offering of this limited report, we hope that the members of the churches composing this Association will be fully aroused to the responsibility incumbent upon them in the education of their children, and that they will, as far as possible, assist in the education of orphans and any others who may need assistance. It is also the sense of this Committee that our schools should be pervaded by a deep tone of morality and religious influ-

ence. We take pleasure in recommending Howard College as our denominational institution, especially for the education of our ministers, for whom there is a great demand. A. A. VINES, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Committee on Home Missions resported as follows : We, your Committee, recommend that the itinerant work in this Association be dropped, and further recommend the operation of the spirit of mission in this Association by supporting the ministers of this Association, thereby enabling them to preach more in the destitute parts, and furthermore recommend that the several churches of this Association express in the face of their letters, at next session, whether they are willing to co-operate with the State Mission Board or not. S. A. PARSONS, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows : We, your Committee, report that we find for Minutes, $15.20; for Associational purposes, $11.65; total $26.85. For Home Missions, $3.50.

J. J. VANCE, Chairman.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

I, your Treasurer, beg leave to report that I received at the last session of your body fifteen dollars and sixty-five cents, and paid the same over to Brother Markham, as ordered July 1, 1889.

J. J. VANCE, Treasurer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INDIGENT MEMBERS.

The Committee on Indigent Members reported as follows : We, your Committee, report that we find nothing to claim the attention of this Association at this time.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE ASSOCIATION BOOK.

The Committee appointed to examine the Association Book beg leave to submit the following: We find the Minutes of last year recorded in good shape and neatly done. S. A. PARSONS, Chairman.

Then called for report of the Itinerant, appointed at the last session of this Association.

Bro. J. A. Markham then made his report as follows: Dear brethen I beg leave to report that I commenced July first and traveled 615 miles, constituted 2 churches, visited 455 families, preached 98 sermons, baptized 10, converted 89, received of the Treasurer July 1st. the sum of $15.65, received of Sardis church $2.25, received of Hopewell church $3.65; total $21.85. J. A. MARKHAM.

Then a collection was taken up, amounting to $53.15, to pay

Bro. Markham the seventy-five dollars, as agreed upon at the last session of this Association.

On motion it was agreed to give Bro. B. S. Thompson the remainder of said collection.

Resolved, That the Clerk have 600 Minutes published with the Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Abstract of Principles, or as many as there is means to have published.

Resolved, That we have the Corresponding Letter published in our Minutes.

Resolved, That this Association tender thanks to Rock Creek Church and community for the hospitable manner in which they entertained the same.

Resolved, That we pay the Clerk $5 for his services, but on a motion to reconsider the matter it was resolved to pay our Clerk $10 for his services.

Resolved, That we now read and correct our Minutes and call the roll and mark absentees.

On motion the Minutes were received and adopted as correct Minutes of the present session.

On motion the Association adjourned, to meet with Concord Church, sixteen miles west of Birmingham, on Saturday before the third Sabbath in October, 1890, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Then sang hymn 523 in Psalmody. Prayer by Elder A. J. Waldrop, of Canaan Association. Then took the parting hand.

The Association then adjourned in order.

ELDER A. WHITE, Moderator.

P. A. Wilkey, Stated Clerk

SUNDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Missionary Sermon was preached by Elder A. White, from third chapter and eleventh verse Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." Hymn 498 was sung, and the meeting was closed by H. A. Key. of North River Association.

LETTER OF CORRESPONDENCE.

To all Sister Associations with whom we may Correspond—

DEAR BRETHREN: We have closed our Eighteenth Annual Session in which we are thankful to the great God of the universe for the union which prevailed during the session, and we continue our correspondence with you by this and our appointed delegates. Dear Brethren we ask an interest in your prayers, and may the Great Head of the Church preside over your and our Associations and lead us all in the way of truth and holiness is our prayer.

Our next session will be held with Concord Church, sixteen miles west of Birmingham, on Saturday before the third Sabbath in October, 1890. P. A. WILKEY, Secretary.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known as the Mud Creek Baptist Association.

Art. 2. It shall be formed of delegates from all the churches which may connect themselves with this body.

Art. 3. Any church may be admitted into this body by general consent of the members present at any regular session.

Art. 4. Any church may withdraw from this body at her own discretion on proper application of dismission.

Art. 5. This body shall usurp no authority over the churches in our union, nor infringe on any of their internal rights, but merely be considered as an advisory council in all matters relative to their internal affairs.

Art. 6. The churches in the union shall transmit each annual session of the Association with a written communication specifying the names of their messengers and the state of their church since last session.

Art. 7. Every church in our union shall be entitled to three delegates. Any church failing to represent herself as above described, shall state her reasons at the next session.

Art. 8. Newly constituted churches shall be admitted into our union by messengers bearing petitionary letters. If upon due examination they be found orderly and orthodox, their reception shall be manifested by the Moderator giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 9. The Association when convening shall be governed by a regular and proper rule of decorum, which she is authorized to alter or amend according to her own views.

Art. 10. At every session of the Association a Moderator shall be chosen by, and from among the delegates present, whose duty it shall be to see that all the rules of decorum be strictly observed, and take the voice of the Association on all subjects legally introduced. A Clerk shall be chosen

in the same manner, whose duty shall be to make proper and corr
utes of this Association.

Art. 11. The Association shall have power to drop from her u
church which may violate the Constitution or depart from the
principles of the Gospel.

Art. 12. The Association shall furnish the churches with mi
cording to the funds sent up for said purpose by the church each s

Art. 13. Queries that immediately concern the union of the chu
introduced by a proper motion of the body, may be taken up and
by this body.

Art. 14. The Association shall have a Treasurer, whose duty it
to receive all moneys from the hands of the Finance Committee an
out at the order of the Association.

Art. 15. There shall be an Association book provided, in which
utes of every annual session shall be recorded.

Art. 16. The Association shall not adjourn any session until
have finished all the business on hand, unless it be in extraordina

Art. 17. Minutes of the Association shall be read and signe
Moderator and Clerk, if necessary, before the session rises.

Art. 18. Amendments to the Constitution may be made at any
when two-thirds of the members may deem it necessary.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Article 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with p

Art. 2. The Moderator shall be deemed a judge of order, and s
a right to call to order at any time; also, it shall be his duty to see
rules of decorum are attended, and to take the opinion of the As
on all questions properly brought before that body.

Any member not satisfied with his decisions on any point of or
appeal to the Association on the same day that the decision is mad
no other time.

Art. 4. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a true reco
transactions of the Association.

Art. 5. But one person shall speak at a time, and he shall ri
feet and address the Moderator.

Art. 6. The Moderator when addressed for leave of speech sha
the same by naming them or otherwise.

Art. 7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unles
part from the subject under consideration, or use words of perso
tion, or with a view of calling to order for some particular purp
any motion made and seconded shall come under the considerati
Association unless withdrawn by him who made it.

Art. 8. Every case taken up by the Association after allowing
debate, the Moderator shall put the question, and if necessary the
the body may be taken by rising to their feet.

Art. 9. When anything is taken up by the Association it shall
decided upon before another is proposed.

No person shall depart from the services of the Association eave of the same.

The appellation of Brother shall be used in our address to r.

The names of the members shall be called as often as necessary.

No person shall be indulged in any practice that has a tendency pt in any time of public speech, or other practices that would the Association.

The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of others, provided he appoint some other member to take his seat is speaking, but shall not vote unless the Association be equally hen he shall give the casting vote.

No member of this body shall be permitted to speak more than he same subject without first obtaining leave of the Association, explain.

Any person breaking the Rules of Decorum shall be reproved, cretion of the Moderator, but only on the day the breach is

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

believe in one only true and living God, the Father, the Son and Ghost, three in one.

believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are of God, and the only true rule of faith and practice.

believe in the doctrine of Original Sin

believe in man's inability to recover himself from the fallen state his own free will and holiness.

believe in the doctrine of Election through Sanctification of the belief of the truth

believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the Jesus Christ.

believe the Saints will persevere in grace and not finally fall

believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of ist, and the true believers are the only proper subjects; and do ously believe that the true mode of baptism is immersion.

believe in the resurrection and general judgment.

believe the joys of the righteous, and the punishment of the ll be eternal.

believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the , only such as have been called of God, and regularly baptized ved by the church, and come under the imposition of hand by a .

believe that none but believers have a right to the ordinances of nd the Lord's Supper.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAMES OF CHURCHES	PASTORS	POST-OFFICES	SECRETARY	NAMES OF DELEGATES	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Dis. by Letter.	Expelled.	Restored.	Died.	Total Members....	Minute Fund.	Associat'l Fund....
Antioch..... ...	J. F. Price.....	Hayes	Lee Birchfield...	B. Hyche, ‡W. M. Seales, ‡Lee Birchfield, ‡H P. Hudson, ‡H. Oswoth, T.. J. Birchfield..	13	3	1	4	..	..	47	1 00	50
Black Warrior..	.....	.....	.....	Not Represented.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....
Blue Creek.....	J. M. Kent	Johns	S. Sellars	‡S. Sellars, L. A. Martin, ‡J. P. Lawson, ‡J. H. Lawson.....	10	5	2	1	4	..	46	2 15	....
Big Creek	.....	.....	.....	Not Represented.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....
Friendship.....	J. F. Price	Milldale... ..	J. D. Hanner....	Wm. Hanner, ‡Harvey Hausmer, ‡T. J. Hogg, ‡S. B. Hanner, ‡J. D. Hanner	1	3	3	1	1	1	45	1 00	50
Free Will	A. White.....	Quinton	G. M Quinn.....	G. M. Quinn, W. G. Tuggle, O. P. Quinn, ‡J. W. Poston, ‡J. H. Maldin...	3	1	3	2	..	..	17	1 00	95
Hope Well	A. White.....	Toadvine.... .	J. T. Davis.....	A. White, J. M. Snow, S. T. Davis, D. R. Davis, ‡J. B. Santford, ‡Wm. Vines, Jr., Alt...	8	2	2	2	..	..	48	75	75
New Providence	J. F. Price	Hayes	B. B. Givens....	B. S. Thompson, ‡B. B. Givens, ‡W. R. Patton, ‡J. T. Winchester, ‡R. B. Patton, ‡C. B. Guinn, Alt.....	1	1	..	1	..	..	32	75	25
Oak Grove	A. White.....	Ezra.	W. H. Batson...	J. N. McFall, P. A. Wilkey, J. H. Batson, W. H. Wright, ‡I. Hammonds, G. H. Bean, Alt...	..	..	2	3	..	2	73	1 50	1 10
Pleasant Ridge.	.....	.....	.....	Not Represented.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....
Prude's Creek..	J. N. McFall....	Hayes	T. L. Birchfield.	W. I. Gilbert, ‡J. M. Guinn, T. L. Birchfield, J. A. Wright.....	9	..	2	1	3	1	74	50	55
Rock Creek.....	.....	Toadvine.....	J. R. Reeves....	S. J. Waldrop, ‡W. F. Smalley, W. A. J. McLain, J. J. Waldrop, ‡J. Mc Fearin, ‡J. H. Carrington, Alt	2	2	1	..	2	1	37	50	40
Mount Ida	H. A. Key	Willmington..	J. H. Knight. ..	H. A. Roberts, J. H. Knight, ‡S. Robertson, A. P. Waldrop, ‡A. J. Perry..	..	.	..	..	..	..	29	1 00	50
Village Creek...	G. B. Vines.....	Brownsville...	A. J. Nicholas..	E. Hicks, A. J. Nicholas, ‡J. H. Hicks, ‡N. A. Pool, ‡W. P. Jackson, ‡J. Higgins, Alt.....	2	2	4	..	..	..	30	50	25
Smithville. .	G. H. Bean.....	Toadvine.....	A. J. Smith	‡M. B. Roberts, ‡J. Franklin, ‡F. M Payne, ‡C. F. Allman, ‡F. C. Allman, A. J. Smith, Alt	..	..	3	..	1	..	25	1 00	50
Mud Creek.....	J. N. McFall ...	Rasburg... ...	J. K. P. Laird...	S. A. Parsons, P. S. Hammonds, S. V. Travis, ‡J. K. P. Laird, ‡L. W. Raney	2	..	2	..	1	..	77	1 30	1 15
Sardis.	R. Blake	Earnest.....	O. Z. J. Waldrop	‡J. Price, ‡J. Gilbert, O. Z. J. Waldrop, ‡G. W. Cox, ‡J. Saterfiel, ‡J. E. Parsons, Alt.....	2	3	4	4	1	1	22	1 00	55
Liberty.....	A. White.....	Short Creek...	J. J. Vance	W. P. Salter, A. A. Vines, ‡A. W. Nicholas, ‡John Vines, J. J. Vance.....	1	..	6	3	.	1	63	50	50
Concord..... ...	A. White	Earnest	R. F. Vines.....	John T. Glaze, J. V. Norris, ‡L. L. Laird, J. M. Salter, R. F. Vines.	19	2	..	2	1	..	50	1 00	1 25
Pleasant Hill....	G. B. Vines.....	Toadvine	S. P. Vines.....	S. P. Vines, L. Short, ‡W. I. Short, J. Glaze, S. W. B. Vines, ‡Silas P. Vines, Alt.....	9	5	5	..	..	..	25	45	55
Laeodicio.	T. P. Vandiver..	Quinton.....	D. Morris.....	‡T. P. Vandiver, ‡W. J. Youngblood, ‡F. M. Holis, D. Morris.....	4	2	1	..	..	..	24	40	40

ABSENTEES MARKED THUS ‡